Fraud Cases in the State Bank of India

892. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that maximum number of fraud cases were detected in the State Bank of India during the period 1981-1987; and

(b) if so, what was the number of such cases during the above period and the amount involved in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) RBI has intimated that from the figures of frauds reported to it, State Bank of India, which has the largest number of branches and scale of operations among the public sector banks, had reported the largest number of bank frauds during the period 1981-87.

Year-wise consolidated figures of the number of cases of fraud and amount involved therein for the year 1981 to 1987, as reported to RBI by State Bank of India, irrespective of the actual dates of occurrence, are indicated below:—

Year	No. of frauds	Amount involved (Rs. in lakhs)
1981	360	262.55
1982	459	608.36
1983	503	948.72
1984	646	623.63
1985	509	991.12
1986	533	439.20
1987	590	393.82

(Data Provisional)

Evasion of Central Excise Duty by M/s Orkay Silk Mills

893. SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a penalty of Rs. 50 lakhs has been imposed recently on M/s. Orkay Silk Mills of Bombay for evading Central excise duty; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) A penalty of Rs. 50.02 lakhs has been imposed by Director (Anti-Evasion) on M/s. Orkay Polyester (proprietor M/s Orkay Silk Mills Ltd.) in a case of evasion of Central Excise Duty adjudicated by him against the aforesaid company and its associates. Central Excise Duty to the tune of Rs. 3.60 crores has also been demanded from this company. A fine of Rs. 51 lakhs has also been imposed in lieu of confiscation of partially oriented yarn (POY) and plant and machinery. Fines and penalties have also been